

*Magnolia campbellii* (Magnoliaceae), 55723. **Magnolia.** From Darjiling, India. Seeds presented by G. H. Cave, curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden. A beautiful, deciduous magnolia from the Himalayas, where it ascends to 8,000 feet above sea level. It reaches a height of 80 feet, has very dark bark, large elliptical dark-green leaves, and white to purple flowers 10 inches in diameter. This magnolia has flowered freely in southern France and Italy. (Adapted from Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 6793.)

*Medicago sativa* (Fabaceae), 55569-55571. **Alfalfa.** From Cuenca, Ecuador. Seeds presented by Dr. Federico Malo. These introductions from different places in Ecuador are made in the hope of securing new and valuable strains of alfalfa from the Andean region of South America. Quoted notes by Dr. Malo.

55569. "From Dr. José A. Avilez, town of Guano."

55570. "Purchased from Paula Iza, who brought it from Cuchibamba, near Ambato."

55571. "Obtained from Antonio Moyano, and said to have been grown at Guanando. Alfalfa grown in this region is considered especially good."

*Musa* sp. (Musaceae), 55592 and 55593. **Banana.** From Kisantu, Belgian Kongo. Seeds presented by Père J. Gillet, S.J., Jardin d'Essais de Kisantu. Quoted notes by Père Gillet.

"These bananas are handsomer and probably more hardy than *Musa ensete*; they grow in the mountains of Ruanda at altitudes of 6,500 feet or more."

55592. "A variety with white nerves."

55593. "A variety with red nerves."

*Phoenix* sp. (Phoenicaceae), 55613. **Palm.** From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. "(No. 3.) This Phoenix hybrid is a small plant, which develops shoots from the base, and is highly ornamental. It has proved quite hardy here, withstanding the severe frost of 1920 (21° F.), the lowest temperature since 1829." (Proschowsky.)

*Phyllostachys* sp. (Poaceae), 55713. **Bamboo.** From Tangsi, Chekiang, China. Collected by the late Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer, in 1907. Now numbered for convenience in distribution. "A small-growing variety not over 10 feet in height, forming dense clumps. The small wiry stems make excellent plant stakes and